

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

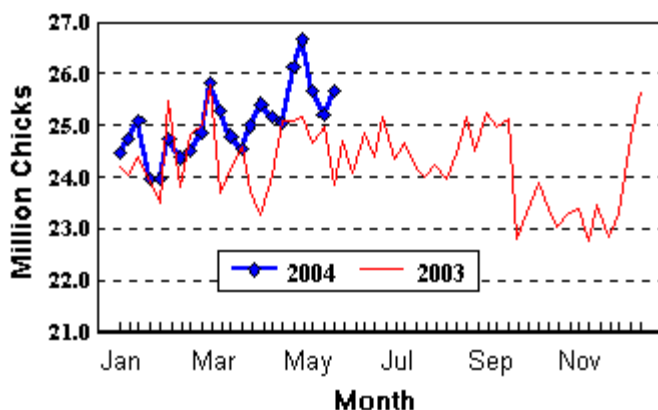
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.7 million during the week ending May 29, 2004. Placements were up 8 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 29, 2004 were 551.7 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.4 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

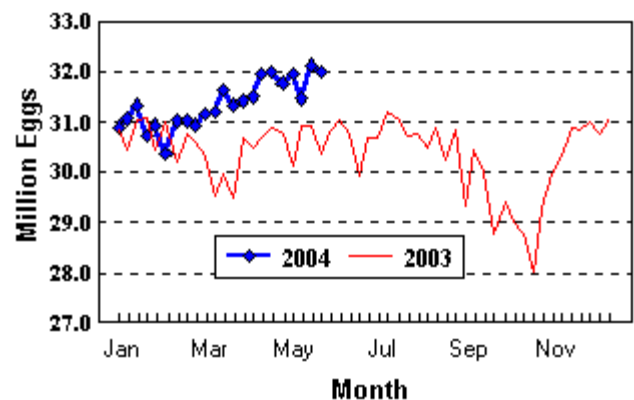
Arkansas hatcheries set 32.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 29, 2004, up 5 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Apr. 24	25,096	25,051	100	25,456	26,014	102	30,900	32,020	104
May 1	25,120	26,143	104	25,470	26,122	103	30,764	31,803	103
May 8	25,204	26,707	106	25,441	26,377	104	30,169	31,961	106
May 15	24,690	25,698	104	25,804	26,395	102	30,945	31,494	102
May 22	24,987	25,239	101	25,656	26,313	103	30,963	32,157	104
May 29	23,863	25,670	108	25,136	26,384	105	30,369	31,991	105

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	08-May	15-May	22-May	29-May		24-Apr	01-May	08-May	15-May	22-May	29-May	
Alabama	30,508 *	30,590	30,879	30,317	104	21,935	22,043	22,735	21,805	22,568	22,028	105
ARKANSAS	31,961	31,494	32,157	31,991	105	25,051	26,143	26,707	25,698 *	25,239 *	25,670	108
Delaware	3,740	3,857	3,871	3,935	105	5,051	4,537	4,686	4,511	5,286	5,454	126
Florida	1,378 *	1,364	1,389	1,389	103	1,416	1,461	1,495	1,640	1,526	1,586	86
Georgia	32,689 *	32,994	33,121	33,203	101	26,245	27,041	26,700	26,986	26,428 *	25,256	100
Kentucky	7,033	7,121	7,120 *	7,091	107	6,002	5,964	6,176 *	6,094 *	5,700 *	5,962	110
Louisiana	4,014	3,998	3,892	3,890	98	3,796	3,725	4,070	3,744	3,813	4,172	115
Maryland	8,901	8,900	8,990	9,008	94	5,879	6,238	5,689	6,439	4,937	5,380	76
Mississippi	19,301	19,393	19,363	19,670	100	17,317	16,924	16,915	16,807	16,785	17,093	107
N. Carolina	18,817 *	18,905	18,488	18,406	98	14,916	15,498	15,200	15,013	15,161	15,545	103
Oklahoma	6,588	6,684	6,500	6,646	103	5,650	4,652	3,929	5,001	5,680	4,219	94
Pennsylvania	3,921	3,948	3,762 *	3,273	82	2,722	2,775	2,902	2,874	2,768 *	2,782	102
S. Carolina	3,760	3,774	3,781	3,738	77	4,006	3,723	4,352	3,863	3,954	5,174	117
Texas	15,475	15,463	15,274	15,374	102	12,850	12,826	12,858	12,769	12,876	13,135	104
Virginia	6,653	6,644	6,675	6,747	102	5,197	5,210	5,236	5,609	5,731	5,264	102
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,066	17,908 *	17,965 *	17,859	104	15,459	16,416	14,981	15,652 *	15,816 *	15,556	90
Total 2004	212,805 *	213,037 *	213,227 *	212,537		173,492	175,176	174,631 *	174,505 *	174,268 *	174,276	
Total 2003	206,679	210,125	211,168	210,125		172,080	172,351	171,830	170,953	172,110	170,346	
%Prev. Year	103	101	101	101		101	102	102	102	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending May 29, 2004. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 29, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 29, 2004 were 3.76 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.